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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

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I, Steve Holbrook, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the Purchasing Manager of Rodda Paint Company, which is the largest regional paint company in the Pacific Northwest. Rodda Paint Company has been in business for over 70 years and provides customers with a depth of resources and expertise in the painting industry. I have been with Rodda Paint Company for about 23 years and identify and purchase the products sold in the Rodda Paint retail stores.

2. Mr. Bergman showed me his HANDy Paint Pail container about three years ago. As the Purchasing Manager of Rodda Paint Company, I frequently see a variety of different products, and I believe I have substantial knowledge of the successful products in the painting industry. When I first saw the HANDy Paint Pail container, I was somewhat skeptical of Mr. Bergman's idea. However, the HANDy Paint Pail container and the HANDy Paint Pail liners were an instant success the moment we introduced them into our stores. We have sold thousands and they both continue to be sales superstars.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date: May 18, 2005